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## Column One

By  
David Courtney

SOMEONE in the Kremlin had a bright idea one day. He went along to Mr. Molotov or Mr. Malenkov or some other monster and he said: "Comrade, there is a world desire for peace. Would it not be a good idea for us to distill the stuff, wrap it up in a distinctive label, and export it? The Americans have conquered a large part of the world, from the caucuses of Mexico to the pyramids of Egypt and the glaciers of the Matterhorn, vide Time Magazine, with coco-cola. The thirst for peace can hardly be less than the thirst for coco-cola, my Comrade. Do you not agree?" Apparently, he did agree. The idea of world peace, as a slogan and a campaign, is, according to reliable Western sources, a Soviet product.

THE fact that a great many leading non-Communist intellectuals of the West have signed the peace petition may mean less than it would seem so. Intellectuals are a notoriously muddled people. Their trouble may be that they see the likely future of mankind more clearly than they understand the present strains and stresses of conflicting political parties and ideologies; and their dilemma is to know how to combine acceptable citizenship with a conscience which regards the atomic bomb and its successors as enemies of the human race in whichever hemisphere or regional bloc they may be pitted. That may be the case. But it may well be the case that these intellectuals are merely fools, or knaves. It will always be hard to know the truth of the matter unless the anti-Communist, anti-peace petition people put up their own peace movement. Competing peace movements would be less likely to ruin us than competing war movements; and very many of those who now sign the "Soviet-sponsored" peace petition would be overjoyed to sign a "Western-sponsored" peace petition.

IT is to be sure, there is a great deal of vulgarity and catch-phrases in the activities of supporters of the World Peace Congress. What the more valuable propagandists of the peace movement would do without their tedious slogans, one cannot imagine. To cry the threat of war and the peril of the atomic armaments race is not to cry wolf — since that is not to cry wolf — but to see war-mongering in every Western precaution, and wicked imperialism in every act of Parliamentary government, may be to ignore the distinction between wolves and lap-dogs. The peace movement claims to be a world movement and not a purely Communist movement. It might, then, to its advantage drop the crude and aggravating Party slogans and think some up for itself, more in accordance with the movement's aims and less likely to offend those whose desire of peace must always be confused with their loyalty to class, or party, or way of life. Tel Aviv, June 14.

## Sixty Feared Dead In Plane Crashes

PARIS, Tuesday (UPI). — Sixty persons were feared dead today as the result of two plane crashes. Forty-four were believed to have been drowned when a four-engine Air France passenger plane plunged into the Persian Gulf off Bahrain early this morning. Six persons were rescued and five bodies have been recovered. Thirty-nine are still missing. A French military plane with 16 aboard has been missing since yesterday morning on a 300 km. flight to Madagascari. Air Force officials have said privately that they held out little hope of survivors.

## Australia Greet Israel Minister

SYDNEY, Tuesday (PTA). — Joseph Isaac Linton, the first Israeli Minister to Australia, arrived here yesterday at the Mascot Airport. He was met by officials of the Department of External Affairs, from Canberra, and by the Israeli Charge d'Affaires, Yehuda Chertok. Linton, the first Israeli Minister to Australia, arrived here yesterday at the Mascot Airport. He was met by officials of the Department of External Affairs, from Canberra, and by the Israeli Charge d'Affaires, Yehuda Chertok. Linton, the first Israeli Minister to Australia, arrived here yesterday at the Mascot Airport. He was met by officials of the Department of External Affairs, from Canberra, and by the Israeli Charge d'Affaires, Yehuda Chertok.

## U.K. Won't Join Schuman Talks

LONDON, Tuesday (AP). — Prime Minister Clement Attlee today told Parliament that "the British Government do not feel able to accept in advance, nor do they wish to reject in advance, the principles underlying the Schuman proposal."

"The British Government will be kept regularly informed of the course of the negotiations which will open on June 20 between the French, German and other governments," Mr. Attlee continued. "They themselves initiated studies of the French proposal immediately it was put forward and these studies will continue."

"But there is no question of putting forward any alternative British proposal at the present time. It would not be right to take any step which might be regarded as a diversion or as an attempt to modify the course which the French and other governments have decided to take."

**Ways to Association**  
Mr. Attlee expressed the hope that "the practical working out of the scheme will show ways by which the U.K. may be able to associate itself with this valuable piece of European cooperation."

A similar theme ran through a statement on European unity published last night by the executive committee of the Labour Party. Leaders of the Opposition today made it clear in the House of Commons that they intend to press for a debate on the wisdom of the Government's refusal to join the six-power talks in Paris on June 20.

## Council to Report Failure Of Its Jerusalem Plan

LAKE SUCCESS, Tuesday (Reuter). — Observers here today predicted that when the Trusteeship Council meets tomorrow it will report a failure of its attempt to set up an international regime for Jerusalem.

Most delegates who took part in yesterday's debate believed the Council will have to send the matter back to the General Assembly meeting in September and ask that the question be reconsidered.

The New York "Times" reported today: "The course of the debate gave strength to a prediction by a top-ranking Israeli official that probably only Iraq, the Arab Bloc's representative on the Council, would take the opposition stand."

Mr. Awni Khalidi, Iraqi delegate, had urged during the debate that the Council continue to carry out the internationalization scheme. "What is our stand? It is very simple. We ask a complete international regime for Jerusalem, intact and undivided. We shall accept nothing less," Mr. Khalidi said.

Mr. Khalidi referred ironically to recent negotiations between Mr. Roger Garreau of France and Israeli diplomats in Rome. He said that, at one time, Mr. Garreau had been an eloquent supporter of complete internationalization, but now has changed his mind.

Dealing with the Israel plan for U.N. trusteeship of Jerusalem, the Iraqi delegate said: "There would be no authority or work for a governor because there would be nothing to govern. If it is merely a trusteeship we need not go into the trouble of either establishing a separate regime or sending a governor."

## Arabs Refuse PCC Talks Until Refugees Return

GENEVA, Tuesday (AP). — Egypt, Syria and Lebanon today told the Palestine Conciliation Commission that they would maintain their refusal to open peace talks with Israel unless Arab refugees were permitted to return to Israel-held territory.

Delegations of the three Arab countries informed the Commission at a private meeting that their attitude in this regard remained unchanged.

A communication issued by the Commission today said that all three delegations had pointed out that no change in their attitude towards the Commission's proposals of March 29 could be envisaged as long as Israel did not agree to this condition.

**Jordan Attitude**  
The Jordan delegation told the Commission that it would make known the Jordan Government's attitude "at a later date."

The Egyptian delegation advised the Commission yesterday that the Egyptian Minister in Bern, Safwat Bey, would represent Egypt at future meetings of the Commission. Egypt has been represented by a full delegation since the Commission began its efforts in April, 1949, to prepare a peace settlement for Palestine.

**German House Votes To Enter Council**  
BONN, Tuesday (Reuter). — The West German Bundestag, the lower house of Parliament, today voted for entry into the Council of Europe.

The vote came after Chancellor Konrad Adenauer had declared that it would show which political parties were for the West and which for the East. The bill was then passed into law. The final reading was fixed for Thursday, when the Government expects a big majority.

Lauding the Schuman proposal, Dr. Adenauer said he was convinced that it would do away once and for all with the century-old strife between France and Germany. There was no better way to remove doubts over Germany's love of peace than to place its iron and steel industry under common control, he said.

**Stalin Attends Soviet Session**  
MOSCOW, Tuesday (Reuter). — Marshal Stalin today attended here a joint session of the two houses of the Supreme Soviet — the Soviet of Nationalities and the Soviet of the Union.

**First Air Pact Signed with U.S. Allows Travel with Pounds**  
TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — An air transport agreement, providing for the granting of equal rights in Israel and the U.S. for air lines designated by the two Governments, was signed at Hakirya today by Mr. James G. McDonald, the U.S. Ambassador, and Mr. Moshe Sharet, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, in the presence of the Minister of Transport and Communications, Mr. David Remez. It is the first air agreement concluded between Israel and a foreign country.

The agreement is based on the principles of the Bermuda air transport agreement of February, 1946, between the U.S. and Britain, which has since served as a pattern for numerous bilateral air transport pacts. These principles provide for fair and equal opportunity for air carriers of two nations to operate between their respective territories and to make available air transport facilities according to the needs of the public.

**Pay in Pounds**  
According to this agreement, the company designated by the U.S. shall be entitled to the free sale of tickets to residents in Israel against Israel pounds. Revenue accrued shall be used to cover the company's expenses in Israel as well as its local investments, while the transfer of part of the revenue amounting to about 25 per cent of the company's local expenditures will be authorized. Hitherto, the U.S. air carrier operated in Israel on the basis of a temporary permit only. The signature of this agreement enabled the Israel-designated carrier, El Al, to operate a regular service to the U.S.

## IRAQ OFFERS COMPROMISE ON JORDAN

ALEXANDRIA, Tuesday. — (Reuter). — The Iraqi delegates to the Arab League Council here today made last minute "peace bids" to solve the dispute with Jordan over her incorporation of Arab Palestine.

Explaining the formula, he hoped might result in Egypt's dropping her demand for Jordan's expulsion, Premier Tewfik Suweidi said: "All we ask is that the Arab League accept the incorporation of Eastern Palestine in Jordan until there are signs of a final settlement of the whole Palestine question."

Then the question of Jordan's annexation will automatically come to the fore-front. If our formula is accepted, Jordan will sign the Arab collective security pact."

Observers here believed that the Iraqi formula was a face-saving device calculated to postpone any definite decision regarding Jordan and to give a semblance of unity to the Arab world at a time when a number of important questions are confronting the Middle East.

"We attach no great importance to the Big Three declaration, on a Middle East arms policy and will never subscribe to it," the Iraqi premier also said.

**Lebanon Believes League Near Schism**  
BEIRUT, Tuesday (Reuter). — Lebanese political circles believe the Arab League faces the prospect of liquidation unless Egypt accepts some kind of compromise over Jordan.

Until Sunday Iraq had been in touch with Jordan, and the Lebanon with Egypt, striving hard to find a solution. It was believed that, failing a compromise, a schism was inevitable.

So far Iraq has opposed Jordan's exclusion from the Arab League, and Syria fears it would give King Abdullah a free hand for his Greater Syria plan.

The Lebanon would ultimately stand for Egypt, but she prefers to avoid a crisis since she lies in the Hashemite orbit.

**India - Pakistan Frontier Incident**  
NEW DELHI, Tuesday (UPI). — Fifteen Pakistan and six Indian soldiers were reportedly killed yesterday in a frontier incident in Kashmir. India has claimed that heavy mortar fire was used during the 44-minute engagement and charges Pakistan with a "clear violation" of the cease-fire agreement.

According to Indian reports, Pakistan troops started to remove cattle and timber from the village of Gulabara. When challenged by an Indian patrol, the report claims, the Pakistanis opened fire. The battle ended when U.N. observers arrived on the scene.

**Dow at Foreign Office**  
LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter). — Sir Hugh Dow, British Consul General in Jerusalem, today called on the Under Secretary of State, Mr. Kenneth Younger.

## House Favours Constitution But Provides No Time Limit

Jordan Plane Forced Down for Violation

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — A twin-engine "Rapid" plane bearing Jordan markings and piloted by an officer with R.A.F. insignia was forced to land at an Israeli airport today after being observed well inside south Israeli territory.

The plane heeded the order and landed undamaged and with all six crew members and passengers safe.

The incident occurred at 10.10 a.m. when a plane marked with the letters "TJAA" was intercepted by Air Force fighters, and given a signal to land. The pilot immediately obeyed, and followed the Israeli plane to an indicated airfield.

The plane which belongs to the Arab Airways Association, was piloted by Alexander Buthierland Thomson, a British civilian employee of the A.A.A. He is 25 and his home address is 16 Morningside, Aberdeen, Scotland.

**American Passenger**  
The plane was carrying five passengers — an American citizen and four Arabs, all of whom are being held by the authorities. Thomson was interrogated by senior Israeli Air Force officers and is also under arrest.

Thompson had worked for the Association for 16 months and allegedly admitted in a signed statement that he had made the same trip across Israeli territory on many previous flights, knowing that it was forbidden.

For many weeks, a military spokesman said today, Jordan planes had been "crossing the border and flying over Israeli territory in violation of the Rhodes Armistice Agreement."

The Israeli authorities have issued several warnings to the Mixed Armistice Commission, the latest on May 8. "Despite these warnings, violations of territory continued," he stated, adding that the aircraft passengers included some civilians.

**Jordan Committee To Build Air Force**  
AMMAN, Tuesday (Reuter). — King Abdullah is giving his personal patronage to a Jordan committee with the task of "collecting sufficient funds for the creation of an air force," it was announced yesterday.

A communication from the office of the Prime Minister, Said Pasha El Mufli, said the reconstituted air force committee included the Prime Minister, Ministers of the Interior, Defence and Finance, six deputies, two senators and four leading merchants.

It was understood that the committee was aiming at collecting \$1,500,000 by public subscription.

King Abdullah went to the Old City yesterday for "West Jordan Public Schools Sports Day." Cabinet Ministers were with him.

## Opposition Says Vote Puts Off Statute For Years

By MOSHE BRILLIANT  
The Knesset voted last night by a 50-38 majority to adopt a State Constitution by evolution over an unspecified period. It directed the Legislation Committee to draft laws covering the fundamental matters normally dealt with in a Constitution. These will be brought to the House for individual approval. At some later date, all these laws will be combined to form a Constitution.

The carefully worded resolution (see next column) was open to a wide range of interpretations. The Opposition regarded it to mean that no Constitution would be adopted during the lifetime of the First Knesset.

Whereas the last debate on the issue had been remarkable for the manner in which it cut across party lines, the voting was strictly partisan except for one deviation. The resolution was passed by 50 votes of Mapai, the Progressives, Sephardim, Nazareth Democrats and Wizo as well as Mr. Uri Zvi Greenberg (Herut). It was opposed by Mapam, Herut, the General Zionists and the Fighters.

The Orthodox Bloc, which opposed the drafting of a Constitution because they had not received assurance that it would be based on the Torah, abstained. Had their 15 members present voted against the resolution, they would have swung the vote.

The fact that the Orthodox Bloc facilitated the passage of the resolution was regarded by Dr. Moshe Sneh, who made a formal statement for Mapam, as an indication that the whole thing was a Coalition ruse to put off the drafting of a Constitution.

Mr. Arie Ben Eliezer, on behalf of Herut, also said the vote had "killed the Constitution," while Mr. Ezer Weizman (Herut), speaking for himself, said that the decision was a betrayal of the electorate which had voted for a Constituent Assembly to adopt a Constitution. He indicated that he would later move the dissolution of the Knesset and also demand new elections in the autumn together with the scheduled countrywide Municipal and Local Council elections.

**Procedure Thwarted**  
The resolution passed last night had been introduced some weeks ago by Mr. Ishar Harari (Progressives) and only at the eleventh hour did the rest of the Coalition (with the exception of the Orthodox Bloc) rally behind it. Before it was passed, the House defeated an Opposition motion calling for the adoption of a Constitution within a period to be specified later by the Knesset, as well as an Orthodox motion seeking to nullify the principle of a Constitution.

The session was unusually heated. Foreseeing that any order of voting he might decide upon would fail to satisfy the whole House and would cause a storm on the floor, the Acting Speaker, Dr. Yaskov Burg, had sought to shift the decision to the House Committee. The Committee therefore had duly met in the morning and recommended a plan of procedure.

But Dr. Burg's calculations were thrown out of gear by unexpected Opposition tactics. Three parties which had previously submitted separate resolutions had reached a last-minute agreement on a common motion calling upon the Legislation Committee to submit a draft Constitution to the House within a period to be determined later by the Knesset.

They asked for a "vote by roll-call" intending thus to embarrass Mapai members who had in the debate spoken in favour of the Constitution. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3)

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## REFUGEES WORK IN JORDAN

### El-Karameh—Camp of Gratitude

**JERUSALEM.**—The El-Karameh camp for Arab refugees from Palestine—the Camp of Gratitude—was given this name as a tribute to King Abdullah of Jordan who bestowed the royal land where it now stands on the refugees who returned to their homes in Jaffa, Haifa and Jerusalem. Jordan was an under-populated country before the Palestine war, and there is no reason, given the necessary capital investment, why these hundreds of thousands of refugees should not be energetically absorbed, and since they are on the whole a more industrious and more sophisticated people than the Transjordanians, absorbed to the great advantage of this country. The irrigation of this barren but potentially fertile valley has never been attempted, and though the appalling climate is unalterable (Jericho lies 1,300 feet below sea level) the waste land can be made to flower here. As for the climate, all the refugees from El-Karameh were moved up to northern Jordan last summer, and this year will see the first experiment in keeping them in the valley during the frightful heat and humidity of June, July and August.

By PHILIP TOYNBEE

is precariously kept, and though the condition of these refugees is sad and wearisome enough, it is not desperate. It seems that since work on the new road began, the health and spirits of the men have conspicuously improved, so it may be that the rehabilitation programme of UNRWA will prove an adequate substitute for the direct relief offered by the Red Cross. The change-over is full of dangers, but if the United Nations officials are wise and undogmatic, there is no reason why the refugee problem in this country should not be smoothed away within the next two or three years.

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## Interview With Haile Selassie

By FRANCIS OFNER, Special to the Jerusalem Post

PEASANTS were standing at the roadside, waiting for their Emperor to return from the formal opening of the first bridge over the Blue Nile. My car followed closely on that of Haile Selassie, and I saw simple farmers occasionally stop their ruler, and hand him their written complaints and requests. The Emperor had no bodyguards, nor was his car accompanied by an armed escort.

This scene symbolically contained the main elements of Haile Selassie's rule: development of the country, care for all the details of his administration and popularity with his people. Few other rulers in the Middle East would, or could, have risked such a direct contact with their subjects.

"I have three priorities in serving my country," Haile Selassie said to me in the course of an interview. "I first want to expand education. My second ambition is to develop communications and the third is to secure employment for all Ethiopians."

These were no empty words. Ethiopia has indeed been brought, during the reign of Haile Selassie, from its 1,600-year long seclusion to active cooperation with the civilized nations of the world. This short, frail ruler has established schools in areas where they never existed before. From less than ten schools that existed in Ethiopia when Haile Selassie became Regent of Ethiopia 34 years ago, their number has grown to more than 400 with 55,000 pupils.

In addition, the Government has sent nearly 300 students abroad—one of them a young girl attending the nurses' training school of the Bikur Holim Hospital in Jerusalem.

### Making Progress

Haile Selassie has also introduced aeroplanes where, until recently, mules were the only means of transport. He has also joined the loosely

## P.M. AT IRAN ENVOY'S RECEPTION



The Prime Minister, Mr. David Ben-Gurion talks with the Special Representative from Iran, Mr. Reza Safinia (right) at an official reception held by the Y.M.C.A. in Jerusalem on Monday. Photo by Hirschbain

## Readers' Letters

**AIR MAIL.**  
 The Editor, The Jerusalem Post  
 Sir,—On May 8 you published a reader's complaint about the Post Office's practice of forwarding by ordinary mail airmail letters with insufficient postage, instead of returning them to sender for additional postage, as is done everywhere else. At the same time you published a reply from the Ministry of Communications, saying that "in accordance with the regulations of the Universal Postal Union, airmail letters with insufficient postage are sent by ordinary mail."

This unfriendly reply prompted me to apply to the Universal Postal Union, Bern, from which I got the text of Article 6, Para. 2 of the Air-mail Regulations, running as follows:

"Insufficiently stamped airmail will be forwarded by air if the prepaid postage amounts to at least 50 per cent of the airmail charge."

The Administrations of origin are entitled to send such correspondence by air if the prepaid postage amounts to at least 50 per cent of the airmail charge.

This is a far cry from the Ministry's blunt statement which is the more unintelligible as the Postal Administration would only derive financial benefit from returning insufficiently prepaid airmail to the sender for additional postage, giving at the same time the public a service to which it is entitled.

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 Jerusalem, May 10.

**P.O. Reply**  
 The Editor, The Jerusalem Post  
 Sir,—The Post Office charges a uniform airmail tariff, at the rate of 40 pruta, for all countries in Europe, irrespective of the distance. This tariff was fixed for the convenience of the public who pay no more for an airmail letter to Finland than for one to Cyprus, although the expenses of the P.O. in the former case are much heavier than in the latter. Although Cyprus is situated at the edge of Europe's boundary it is nevertheless a part of it, and therefore the airmail tariff for Europe applies.

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**A CAMPAIGN** has been organized in this country, parallel to campaigns elsewhere, for the signing of a petition in favour of peace and the abolition of the atom bomb. It is doubtful whether anybody in Israel does not want peace and the outlawing of the atom bomb. Almost everybody also wants disease abolished, and poverty, and dirt, and ignorance, and injustice. Almost everybody wants freedom of thought and of expression of opinion. But these desirable things are not asked for or brought about by the mass signing of names to petitions. If all the people on earth put their signatures to a paper declaring for peace and against atomic weapons it would not necessarily bring permanent peace one day nearer, for they would immediately divide and probably quarrel about how to achieve the first and control the second. Thus if the organizers of such a petition are not merely simpletons, they must be supposed to have some special motive. And they are not simpletons.

Some clue as to what their real motives are is to be obtained by the test of enquiring why only the atom bomb should be abolished. Wars savage and devastating enough have been waged without that weapon. Peace has been broken and powers destroyed by slings and pebbles, bows and arrows, to say nothing of gunpowder, high explosives, flamethrowers, warships and heavy bombers. Why does not the petition demand the outlawing of all these? Is there really no connection at all with the fact that the organizers of this petition possess ample armaments, but not the atom bomb, or much of a stock of it? Here it is relevant to point out that the campaign in Israel is being supported, if it has not been actually initiated, by the Communist Party and by Mapam, which in such matters has virtually allied itself with the Communists. And it is to be remembered that the Communists of this country supported the Arab onslaughts, against Jewish lives and property in the 1936 riots and that Communism advocates revolution by violence. When it is a matter of furthering their own aims the Communists have never hesitated from the use of force and the weapons of war.

In a sober appraisal of the motives of the petition, Mapam has pointed out that its organizers, the Peace Committee in Israel, are not prepared to work against any and every danger to peace or against any and every act which might, objectively, endanger the peace, no matter whence the danger threatens. It is for this reason that Mapam is justified in saying that the signing of the petition does not serve world peace but rather the needs of the Communist Movement. Peace, they have emphasized, can still be best served by the two sides in which the political world is divided concluding that they can live together. People in Israel should decline to be so easily made use of for dubious purposes.

## MUSICAL DIARY

**SHOSTAKOVICH'S Piano Quintet** (1940) was almost as sensational a success in Moscow as his Fifth Symphony and it was awarded a Stalin prize of 100,000 roubles. It was the main feature of the Jerusalem Chamber Music Society's Special Concert at the Y.M.C.A. on Saturday night, played by J. Gruenthal (piano) and the Jerusalem String Quartet. To us it seemed with its characteristic academic fugue more of an intellectual elaboration than an original inspiration. Most engaging is the graceful finale, its harmony influenced by Cesar Franck. With quartets by Mozart (in D minor) and Beethoven (op. 74) the Jerusalem String Quartet proved that it had gained by the blending of old-timers and newcomers. But the concert was lacking in colour and feeling and suffered from general anaemia.

**Ballet Semi-Jubilee**  
 At a reception, given last week by the Jerusalem Journalists' Association on the occasion of her completing 25 years in Jerusalem, Rina Nikova reviewed her career. After creating the first Ballet Studio in this country, Miss Nikova joined Golinkin's Palestine Opera as prima ballerine and choreographer. Her Ballet, formed exclusively from Yemenites (whose stars are still Rachel Nadav and Zuria Gollani), toured England in 1933, also appearing in television. They also toured the Continent before the Sec-

ond World War, while Rina Nikova made guest appearances at the Met, under Solti. The famous composer, Darius Milhaud, is at present working on a musical score for her ballet. To mark the semi-jubilee, Rina Nikova's Jerusalem Ballet, under the patronage of the Mayor of Jerusalem, Mr. D. Auster, and the President of the Hebrew University, Professor S. Brodetsky, will give a festival performance at the Municipality's Rose Garden in Talbith on June 24.

**Prague Music-Festival**  
 Frank Pelleg, the noted pianist and Director of the Music Department of the Ministry of Culture and Education, returned from Prague recently where he had participated in the annual May Music Festival. Mr. Pelleg played, with the Czechoslovak Philharmonic Orchestra, Bach's Concerto in D-minor in a programme commemorative of the 200th anniversary of the Master's death. Pelleg also gave a concert at the invitation of the Zionist-Organization in Prague and lectured before Czech and foreign correspondents on "Music in Israel"; this lecture was arranged by the Czechoslovak Ministry of Information.

Mr. Pelleg reports that one of the advantages of the Prague May Music Festival is that artists from West and East can here be heard, which makes it, probably, the only really "international" festival. This year there participated,

among others, a famous group of Madrigal singers from London, "The English Singers," and the English pianist Clifford Curzon; from France came the violinist, Jacques Thibaud, the pianist, Monique Haas, and the conductor, M. Désormières; from Hungary, the pianist, Annie Fischer; from Poland, the pianist Czerzy-Stefanska; from Sweden, the violinist Josef Gruenfarb; and from Italy, the cello player, Amedeo Bellorini. One of the events which most impressed Mr. Pelleg was the performance of the Russian violinist, David Oistrach.

**Wandering Organ**  
 With the consent of the American Fund for Israel Institutions, which arranged the gift of a Hammond organ to the Tel Aviv Museum, the Museum gave the instrument to another beneficiary of the fund, the Habimah Theatre. The organ was not suitable for concerts of serious music at the Museum, while, with its many possibilities for instrumental imitation, it can give much better service with incidental music for the stage. The Museum is to receive another instrument from America.

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